



Aimée Burg
vault

May 23- June 16, 2012

Opening Reception: Thursday, May 24

6:00pm – 8:00pm

Artist Talk: Thursday, May 24, 6pm



Brooklyn, NY May 2012 – A.I.R. Gallery is pleased to announce *vault*, an exhibition of new work by 2011-2012 Fellowship artist Aimée Burg. The opening reception will be held on Thursday, May 24, from 6:00 to 8:00 PM.

In her first solo show in New York, Burg presents an installation of sculptures and works on paper. Metallic finishes are used with deliberate subtlety, not intended to hide or mask the materials they adorn. The subtle use of metallic and shiny media avoids ostentatious signifiers such as ‘bling’, while offering a nod to genuine artifacts and the nostalgia for finding them.

We now live in the era that speculative fiction authors imagined as “the future”. We have unprecedented access to information, but there is profound uncertainty about how true or beneficial this information actually is. *vault* investigates the disorienting possibilities of removing meaning from knowledge-packed imagery, i.e. science diagrams and test patterns. The objects and images are stripped of purpose; this simplicity provides a sense of safety. The viewer is at ease despite being surrounded by the unknown.

Burg uses familiar materials, adding an element of comfort and familiarity to her installation. Nothing pretends to be what it is not, nor is the artifice of alchemy present in Burg’s work, transforming “base” elements into gold. Wood is wood; plaster is plaster. Archaeology makes truth visible by digging down layer by layer, and *vault* exposes these layers. Pink foam does not hide under gold leaf. Viewed from the correct angle, all is equally exposed and true.

Aimée Burg (b. 1983) grew up in Maine. She attended Pratt Institute in Brooklyn for her undergraduate studies and received her MFA from Yale in 2010. She splits her time between New Haven, CT and New York. For more information, please visit www.aimeeburg.com.

A.I.R. Gallery is located at 111 Front Street, #228 in the DUMBO neighborhood of Brooklyn. Gallery hours: Wed. – Sun., 11am to 6pm. For directions please visit www.airgallery.org. For more information please contact Gallery Director, Julie Lohnes at 212-255-6651 or jlohn@airgallery.org.

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